

a first cellular material disposed on said first inner concave surface of said first fixture;
and
a second cellular material disposed on said second inner concave surface of said second fixture.

19. The clasp of claim 17, wherein said spring member has a semicircular shape.

20. The clasp of claim 19, wherein said spring member further comprises:

a first end portion;

a second end portion; and

a midpoint;

wherein said first end portion connects said first end and said midpoint, and wherein said second end portion connects said second end and said midpoint;

said clasp further comprising:

a first connector having a first proximal end and a first distal end, wherein said first proximal end is disposed on said first end portion of said spring member, such that said first distal end extends outwardly from said member in the direction of said second end portion; and

a second connector having a second proximal end and a second distal end, wherein said second proximal end is disposed on said second end portion of said spring member, such that said second distal end extends outwardly from said spring member in the direction of said first end portion;

wherein said first distal end is moveably connected to said second distal end.

21. The clasp of claim 20, wherein said first distal end comprises a first ratchet portion and said second distal end comprises a second ratchet portion, and wherein said first distal end is disposed adjacent said second distal end such that said first ratchet portion slidably mates with said second ratchet portion.

22. The clasp of claim 20, wherein:

said first distal end is threaded in a first orientation;

said second distal end is threaded in a second orientation;

said clasp further comprising a body containing an aperture disposed therethrough, wherein said aperture has a first opening threaded in said first orientation, and a second opening threaded in said second orientation;

wherein said body is rotatably coupled to both said first threaded distal end and said second threaded distal end.



23. A jewelry clasp for releasably holding an ornamental object, comprising:

a first fixture having an inner surface and an outer surface, wherein said inner surface of said first fixture has a concave shape covered by a first cellular material;

a second fixture having an inner surface and an outer surface, wherein said inner surface of said second fixture has a concave shape covered by a first cellular material; and

a spring member having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end is affixed to said outer surface of said first fixture, and said second end is affixed to said outer surface of said second fixture.

24. The clasp of claim 23, wherein said first fixture comprises a first convexoconcave structure having a first inner concave surface and a first outer convex surface, and a first edge continuously joining said first inner concave surface and said first convex outer surface.

25. The clasp of claim 24, wherein said second fixture further comprises a second convexoconcave structure having a second inner concave surface and a second outer convex surface, and a second edge continuously joining said second inner concave surface and said second outer convex surface.

26. The clasp of claim 23, wherein said spring member has a semicircular shape.

27. The clasp of claim 26, wherein said spring member further comprises:

a first end portion;

a second end portion; and

a midpoint;

wherein said first end portion connects said first end and said midpoint, and wherein said second end portion connects said second end and said midpoint;

said clasp further comprising:

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a first connector having a first proximal end and a first distal end, wherein said first proximal end is disposed on said first end portion of said spring member, such that said first distal end extends outwardly from said member in the direction of said second end portion; and

a second connector having a second proximal end and a second distal end, wherein said second proximal end is disposed on said second end portion of said spring member, such that said second distal end extends outwardly from said spring member in the direction of said first end portion;

wherein said first distal end is moveably connected to said second distal end.

28. The clasp of claim 27, wherein said first distal end comprises a ratchet portion and said second distal end comprises a second ratchet portion, and wherein said first distal end is disposed adjacent said second distal end such that said first ratchet portion slidingly mates with said second ratchet portion.

29. The clasp of claim 27, wherein:

said first distal end is threaded in a first orientation;

said second distal end is threaded in a second orientation;

said clasp further comprising a body containing an aperture disposed therethrough, wherein said aperture has a first opening and a second opening, and wherein said first opening is

threaded in said first orientation, and a second opening threaded in said second orientation;
wherein said body is rotatably coupled to both said first threaded distal end and said second threaded distal end.

30. A clasp for releaseably holding an ornamental object, comprising:

a first fixture having a concave shaped first surface and a convex second surface;

a second fixture having a concave shaped first surface and a convex second surface; and

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a semicircular shaped spring member having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end is affixed to said convex second surface of said first fixture, and said second end is affixed to said convex second surface of said second fixture, wherein said spring member further comprises:

a first end portion

a second end portion; and

a midpoint;

wherein said first end portion connects said first end and said midpoint, and wherein said second end portion connects said second end and said midpoint;

said clasp further comprising:

a first connector having a first proximal end and a first distal end, wherein said first proximal end is disposed on said first end portion of said spring member, such that said first distal end extends outwardly from said member in the direction of said second end portion; and

a second connector having a second proximal end and a second distal end, wherein said second proximal end is disposed on said second end portion of said spring member, such that said second distal end extends outwardly from said spring member in the direction of said first end portion;

wherein said first distal end is moveably connected to said second distal end,

wherein said first distal end comprises a first ratchet portion and said second distal end comprises a second ratchet portion, and wherein said first distal end is disposed adjacent said second distal end such that said first ratchet portion slidably mates with said second ratchet portion;

said first distal end is threaded in a first orientation;

said second distal end is threaded in a second orientation; and

said clasp further comprises a body containing an aperture disposed therethrough, wherein said aperture has a first opening and a second opening, wherein said first opening is threaded in said first orientation, and said second opening is threaded in said second orientation; and

said body is rotatably coupled to both said first threaded distal end and said second threaded distal end.

31 34. A method to releasably hold an ornamental object, comprising the steps of:

providing a clasp as claimed in claim 30:

disposing said ornamental object between said first fixture and said second fixture; and

rotating said body whereby to move said first distal end portion of said member toward said second distal end portion of said member towards each other.--

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend FIGS. 1, 3, 4B, 7 and 8 as shown in red in the attached marked drawings.

REMARKS

The specification and drawings have been amended to address the informalities objections raised in ciphers 3-6 of the Action. No new matter has been entered. Corrected formal drawings will be filed upon allowance of the application. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, marked copies of the amended specification paragraphs and claims accompany this amendment.